

S-243
Rogers Farm
Westover vicinity
private

c. 1750-1770

Sited on the south side of the Manokin River on the eastern edge of Revels Neck, the Rogers house is a mid eighteenth-century Flemish bond brick structure supported by a raised brick foundation. Even though the exterior and interior have been significantly altered the house survives with a few original details. The north and east sides are well-executed Flemish bond brick walls with a glazed header checkerboard pattern. A three-course beltcourse divides floors on the north gable end.

The Rogers house stands on land known as "Part of Double Purchase," which was occupied by the Bannister family through the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. In 1783, Charles Bannister's heirs were taxed for one-hundred and sixty acres that contained, "One Dwelling House and cellar, good, all other improvements sorry." Charles Bannister's will provided that his wife, Leah, receive his entire estate, and after Leah's death the property was inherited by Charles's sister, Ann Bannister Bowen, wife of Captain William Bowen. In 1798 the Federal assessors found on the Bowen's part of Double Purchase,

One Dwelling house 32 by 25 feet, one story brick with 4 windows
4 feet 10 inches long 2 feet 4 inches wide, 4 windows 3 feet 8 inches
long 2 feet 4 inches wide, in good repair.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-243

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Rogers Farm

2. Location

street & number Stewart Neck Road not for publicationcity, town Westover X vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> X occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> X building(s)	<u> </u> X private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> X private residence
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> X yes: restricted	<u> </u> entertainment
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> X not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> industrial
			<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Martha Rogers

street & number Revels Neck telephone no.:

city, town Westover state and zip code MD 21871

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Rogers Farm is located on the south side of the Manokin River on Revels Neck, Somerset County, Maryland. The entrance lane is approximately two miles long and intersects Stewart Neck Road just north of the intersection with Revels Neck Road. The single-story three-bay Flemish bond brick dwelling faces west with the primary gable running north/south. Standing on a raised brick foundation, the c. 1750-1775 house has been radically altered inside as well as out. A new steeply pitched gable roof with extended eaves is covered with asphalt shingles. A cross-gable is centered on both the west and east sides, and a concrete block stack rises from the center of the house.

The west facade is largely covered with an enclosed shed-roofed porch; however, access is provided at ground level for entrance into the cellar. The gable-front is covered with asphalt shingles.

The north gable end is a Flemish bond wall with a random pattern of glazed headers. A three-course belt course stretches across at eave level. The upper portion of the wall is painted white. Two window openings, one above the belt course and the other below, pierce the gable end wall.

The east or rear facade is three bays across. The brick bond is laid in a more consistent checkerboard glazed brick pattern. In fact, there is some evidence to suggest that the present back was the original front of the house. The center bay was converted from a door to a window. A modern bathroom addition covers the south bay.

The cross gable is pierced by a single 1/1 sash window.

The south gable end, ^{INTERESTINGLY} ~~unusually~~ enough, is laid in seven-course common bond and is not decorated with a belt course. A side entrance appears to have been added later. Two small second floor windows with jack arches light the upper floor.

The first floor interior has been cleared of any 18th-century woodwork, and the plan has been altered as well.

The cellar, on the other hand, has a few period details. The three-room cellar retains the base of the chimney stack on the south gable end. The heavy floor joists were pit-sawn and have many wrought nails used for hanging various items. A small stair rises against the north wall but appears to date from the 19th century with its riven oak lath and cut-nails.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Rogers farmhouse is primarily significant as an early house site due to the altered condition of the brick house. A few architectural features, common to other period houses, point to a third quarter of the 18th-century date. However, the radically altered exterior and interior leave a minimal amount of architectural significance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 11/5/84

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city or town Princess Anne state MD 21853

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1783 TAX ASSESSMENT

DISTRICT- ~~MANOKIN~~ MANOKINName- Charles Banisters HeirsTract Names and Acreage- Pt. Double Purchase, 160 acresImprovements-

One dwelling house and cellar, good all other improvements sorry -

Situation- On Manokin RiverSoil Condition- SandyQuantity of Arable Land- 80Quantity of Woodland- 80Meadow-Value of Lands- £ 200..0..0Males and Females under 3 yrs. of age-Value-Males and Females 8 to 14-Value-Males from 14 to 45- 1Value- £ 70Females from 14 to 36-Value-Males above 45 and Females above 36-Value-Plate-OuncesValue- £ 17..0..0Horses- 2Black Cattle- 7Value-Value of other Property- £ 15.00..0Total Amount- £ 303..0..0Assessment Thereon- £ 3..15..9White Inhabitants- Males

Females- 1

CHAIN OF TITLE

Martha Rogers - 160 acres
Charles H. Rogers
166/376 and 174/433

11/15/1954

Katherine B. Nelson
Frederick R. Nelson, Jr.

166/376

to

Chas. and Martha Rogers

"Miles Farm" 80 acres

Wilson Nelson

B.L.B. 131/452

to

Katherine B. Nelson

11/6/1944

"Henry Miles Farm," "Farley Farm"

126/126

Amelia M. Bozman

to

3/26/1943

Wilson Nelson

104/266

Effie M. Farley

to

1/14/1933

Arch Bozman

W.J.S. 87/552

John B. Farley

to

11/22/1923

Effie M. Farley

Lot No. 5 on plat

W.J.S. 79/187
10/20/1919

Millard F. Long

to

John B. Farley
80 acres

Millard F. Long
Ida F. Long

10/20/1919 to
Tubman T. Beauchamp

10/14/1917 Emma F. Barnes
to

W.J.S. 79/170 Millard F. Long
"Henry Miles Farm"
200 acres - 30 acres of Marsh

O.T.B. 28/578 Francis J. Barnes
Henry L.D. Stanford

10/30/1900 to
Emily F. Barnes

O.T.B. 26/114 Francis J. Barnes
Henry L.D. Stanford

7/24/1900 to
Wm. S. McMaster
\$1,500.00 Henry Miles Farm 200 acres
30 acres of marsh
--being the same property--

B.F.L. 5/280 Levin H. Beauchamp
to

7/31/1882 Edwin Pusey - being the real estate of which
the late Henry Miles died siezed

B.F.L. 5/229 Edwin Pusey, Trustee
to

7/27/1882 Levin H. Beaushamp \$1,825.00
whereas by a decree of circuit court 8/23/1872
Henry G. Miles and Ella C. Miles

L.W. 3/192 John W. Crisfield
to

8/8/1854 Henry Miles

Judicial Circuit 8/16/1852
 William W. Johnson, Complainant
 William J. Bowen and others, Defendants
 First sold to Edmund Crosdale for \$1,610.00
 and then Henry Miles for \$2,000.00
 Recorded L.W. 1/158
Martin Bowen, late of the county deceased,
 indebted to Wm. W. Johnson, departed this
 life about 1844 leaving Wm. J. Bowen.

G.H. 3/146

Nancy Slocomb

to

4/4/1826

Martin Bowen
 \$1,000.00 - Lands upon which Nancy Slocomb
~~now~~ lives - being the same lands which
 were devised to her the said Nancy Slocomb
 by her brother Charles Bannister by his will
 bearing date April 1, 1782 E.B. 1/166.

Will of Charles Bannister

"I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Leah Bannister all my
 estate both real and personal."

Sister - Nancy Bowen (Alisas Bannister) wife to Captain William Bowen
 of Worcester Co.

Daughters - Sally Bowen
 Polly Bowen

Ann Bowen - Manokin Hundred - Dwelling Houses - One Dwelling House
 32 by 25 feet one story brick with 4 windows 4 feet 10 inches long
 2 feet 4 inches wide 4 windows 3 feet 8 inches long 2 feet 4 inches
 wide in good repair 1 Cook House 20 by 18 feet wood 1 Milk House
 12 by 10 feet wood 1 Smoke House 12 by 10 feet wood -

Value \$400.00

Lands

1 barn 20 by 16 feet wood with 10 feet sheads on each side 1 corn
 house 20 by 16 feet wood with 10 feet sheads on each side lands - part of
 Double Purchase 200 acres.

Will of Mitchell Banister - E.B. 1/17 April 27, 1777

Item: I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Charles Bannister all
 lands lying on the South side of a Gut called the middle Gut
 thence up the South side of the Gut and binding thereon to
 the head. . .

